विवरण—जारी

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केरल	8.1	7 5	6.0
मध्य प्रदेश	46.2	52.0	49.0
महाराष्ट्र	453.3	403.8	344.0
उड़ीसा	42.5	42.5	65 0
पजाब	109 0	112 0	97 0
राजस्थान	31 2	24.3	21 0
तमिलनाडू	238 0	231.0	262.0
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उत्तर प्रदेश	1932 6	1857.2	1774.0
पश्चिम बगाल	17.0	15 4	10.0
अन्य	12.6	12 9	15.0
अखिल भारत	3844.4	3617.5	3467 0

Production of honey

1496. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the programme of production and development of honey has been transferred to the Ministry of Agriculture;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government had set up a board known as Honey Bee Board, if so, what is the allocation for the functioning of the Board;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government propose to develop import of Italian species of honey bees, to improve the production of honey;

(d) whether Government have ascertained the areas with environmental and climatic similarities which are conductive to the imported species; and

(e) what plans the Government have made to improve indigenous species to improve the production of honey ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) No, Sir. The Ministry have recently launched a scheme on development of bee-keeping for improving crop productivity.

(b) Yes, Sir. A Bee-keeping Development Board has been constituted by the Government to coordinate, sponsor and monitor programmes for promotion of bee-keeping. No separate financial allocation has been made for the Board.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The Italian Honey bee (Apis mellifera) queen/colonies were imported and successfully established during 1960s. Any future imports shall be decided after taking into consideration the need and risks of disease/enemies involved in import.

(e) The scheme on bee-keeping provides support for research and development activities for improving production of honey by different bee species/strains including indigenous species.

Hatchery units in Gujarat

1497. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to consider the setting up of hatchery units of suitable capacity in Gujarat for promoting the acquaculture;

(b) whether Government are aware that Gujarat has the highest marine fish landing; and

(c) whether Central Government will consider shifting the headquarters of national institutions involved in fisheries survey, research and development in the State ?